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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: POST-LICENSE/PRE-SHIPMENT
END-USE CHECK ON LICENSE 050196988

REF: IIR 6 809 0246 09 OF 28 AUGUST 2009

11. (U) This is an Action Request. See paragraph 4.

12. (U) The Department's Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (PM/DTCC) requests Post's assistance in conducting a post-license/pre-shipment check on license 050196988 for the export of firearms and ammunition to Brazil. Post is requested to complete this Blue Lantern check within 30 days. Lack of response to a Blue Lantern check will affect pending and future licenses involving parties to this license.

13. (U//FOUO) Reason for Request: PM/DTCC has not done many Blue Lantern checks on firearms exported to Brazil, largely due to the relatively small quantities of firearms that are exported on any given export license. The current license for six (6) firearms and ammunition components is typical of most firearms export licenses to Brazil, in that the end-user is a specific individual and the quantity is relatively small. Nonetheless, reporting indicates that U.S.-origin firearms continue to be used in crimes in Brazil (REFTEL). This check is to establish the bona fides of the end-user and determine if the firearms will be retransfer to another end-user.

14. (U) Action Request: Post is requested to establish the bona fides of end-user Joao Antonio Franciosi by making inquiries to Mr. Franciosi and appropriate authorities of the Government of Brazil. Post is requested to determine why the end-user is importing six firearms and whether he is in the business of selling firearms in Brazil. The following points are included for guidance:

(To Joao Antonio Franciosi)

--Do you have any business interests in the firearms industry of Brazil? Do you ever sell firearms in Brazil? Do you sell firearms to customers that reside outside Brazil? If so, have you ever sold firearms you received from U.S. vendors?

--Please explain why you are importing six (6) firearms on this export license. For what will each of these firearms be used?

--How many firearms do you current maintain in your personal collection?

--Are you familiar with the regulations governing the import of U.S.-origin defense articles, including restrictions on re-transfer or re-export?

(To Appropriate Import/Export and/or Law Enforcement Authorities)

--Is Joao Antonio Franciosi properly authorized to import and own firearms in Brazil? Do you have any record of Mr. Franciosi selling firearms?

--Do you have any information on Joao Antonio Franciosi that would question his reliability as a recipient of U.S. defense articles?

In its reply, Post may also comment on any other information pertinent to these transactions such as security of facilities, end-use, and concerns about the entities involved.

15. (U) Details of license applications:

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QUANTITY/COMMODITY:

1 Remington Model 700 Rifle, .223 Caliber
1 Remington Model 700 Rifle, 25-06 Caliber
1 Sako Model 85 Rifle, .375 Caliber
1 Sig Sauer Model 232 Pistol, .380ACP Caliber
1 Sig Sauer Model 226 Pistol, .40 Caliber
1 Smith & Wesson Pistol, .357MAG Caliber
200 Rounds of Ammunition, 25-06 Caliber
200 Units Unprimed Brass, 25-06 Caliber
500 Reloading Bullets, 25-06 Caliber
License Value: USD \$5,043

SELLER:

National Gun
3709 West Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33134

FOREIGN END-USER:

Joao Antonio Franciosi
Shin QL 7 Conjunto 5 Casa 2 Lago Norte
Brasilia-DF- CEP 71515-055
Brazil
Tel: 55 (77) 9971 1900

PURPOSE:

Sporting and reloading purposes

16. (U) Submitted in support of the license application were the following documents (PM/DTCC will fax documentation to Posts upon request):

Import Authorization Nos. 4293/DFPC through 4297/DFPC issued by the Ministerio da Defesa signed by Joao Carlos Pedroza Rego

Purchase Order from Joao Antonio Franciosi signed by Joao Antonio Franciosi dated 02 July 2009

17. (U) Please slug reply for PM/DTCC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR and include the words "Blue Lantern" and the case number in the subject line. POC is Kyle M. Ballard, Phone: 202-663-1929; Email: BallardKM@state.gov; SIPRNET: BallardKM@state.sgov.gov. The Blue Lantern Guidebook (ref) is available as a PDF file on Intellipedia: http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Blue_Lantern_End-Use_Monitoring_Program

18. (U) Department is grateful for Post's assistance in this

matter.
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